

REMARKS

Specification Amendments

The specification has been amended to recite the priority information for the instant application. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter this amendment.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-26 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file appropriate continuing and/or divisional application(s) drawn to the subject matter of these claims.

New claims 27-35 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, as follows:

Claim Number	Exemplary Support
27	Page 8, lines 4-10 and original claim 1
28	Page 8, lines 7-8
29-30	Page 7, lines 14-17
31	Original claims 5-9
32-33	Original claims 14-15
34	Original claim 18
35	Original claim 20

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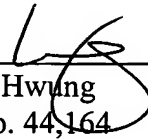
Conclusion

Applicants request that the above amendments be entered. Early and favorable examination is hereby requested.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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